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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRITISH REACTION TO PROPOSED LIBER-
ALIZED CHARTER RULES

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REF: (A) STATE 250527; (B) STATE 246864

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED DEPT. OF TRADE (UKDOT) OCT. 19 TO
CALL ATTENTION TO CAB CHARTER LIBERALIZATION PROPOSALS.
OFFICER WHO RESPONDED IN ABSENCE IAN BROWN (IN PARIS)
NOTED THAT UKDOT ALREADY HAD DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS
THROUGH UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON. HE DID NOT BELIEVE

DECISION ON POSSIBLE COMMENT HAD YET BEEN TAKEN, BUT
PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED.

2. IN COURSE COURTESY CALLS LAST WEEK ON PATRICK
SHOVELTON, UKDOT DEPUTY SECRETARY, AND RAY COLEGATE, HEAD
OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, BOTH
EXPRESSED CONCERN AT CAB'S APPARENT INTENTION TO FURTHER
LIBERALIZE US CHARTER RULES. THEY NOTED THAT SUCH RULES
COULD TAKE EFFECT ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC ONLY WITH THE
CONSENT OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMENTED THAT A US
EFFORT FOR FURTHER LIBERALIZATION COULD ONLY INCREASE THE
RELUCTANCE OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, WHO ARE ALREADY
APPREHENSIVE AT EXISTING US CHARTER RULES, TO REACH CHAR-
TER AGREEMENTS WITH US. ECAC SOLIDARITY WOULD ALSO PLAY
A ROLE; SHOVELTON DOUBTED THAT EVEN BELGIUM WOULD ACCEPT
THE PROPOSED RULES.

3. BOTH MEN NOTED THAT EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE IN
GENERAL NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF CHARTER AIRLINES.
EITHER SUCH AIRLINES DO NOT EXIST, OR THEY HAVE MUCH
LESS POLITICAL CLOUT THAN IN THE US. SHOVELTON SAID
BLUNTLY THAT THE EUROPEANS' PRIMARY CONCERN IS THEIR
FEAR THAT LIBERAL CHARTER RULES WILL MAKE SCHEDULED
AIRLINES UNPROFITABLE.

4. COMMENT: NEITHER MAN MENTIONED LINK BETWEEN CHARTER
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AGREEMENTS AND SUPER-APEX DISCUSSED PARA 9, REFTTEL (B),
AND IN TRADE PRESS, BUT IMPLICATION WAS THAT THREAT OF
LIBERAL CHARTER AGREEMENTS LOOMED LARGER THAN ADVANTAGES
OF SUPER-APEX. EUROPEANS WILL ALSO BE TEMPTED, PARTICU-
LARLY IN ABSENCE CLEAR SHOWING THAT SUPER-APEX IS KILLING
CHARTERS, TO WAIT AND SEE IF PRESIDENT WILL ALLOW ANY CAB
ORDER SUSPENDING SUPER-APEX FARES TO GO INTO EFFECT.

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